

Bundy faces kidnaping charge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Theodore R. Bundy was bound over for district court trial on a charge of aggravated kidnaping Wednesday by a city court judge who said he found no support for a second charge of attempted criminal homicide.

Judge Paul Grant said later this had the effect of dismissing the second charge, which he attributed largely to pressures on the prosecution resulting from press coverage of Bundy.

Bundy, 29, a Tacoma, Wash., native and former political worker in the election campaign of Gov. Dan Evans of Washington, is accused in the alleged abduction of Carol DaRonch, 18, on Nov. 8, 1974. She was handcuffed and forced into a car at a shopping mall, but later escaped and authorities said she

identified Bundy at a lineup.

After speaking about press freedom and responsibility and complaining of receiving vitriolic letters from Washington, Grant said that it was the court's finding that an aggravated kidnaping did occur and there was "reasonable cause to believe the defendant committed such a crime."

Aggravated kidnaping is a felony of the first degree punishable by a prison term of five years to life.

He set Dec. 12 for the arraignment in district court, and spoke again about news responsibility.

Asked by the prosecutor about the second charge, Grant said the court did not find "reasonable cause to believe the crime of attempted criminal homicide" had occurred.

He said there was evidence of aggravated assault which is an essential part of a charge of aggravated kidnaping.

Bundy, who has been investigated in abduction-murders in Washington, Colorado and Utah, was taken by his attorney out a back exit of the courtroom.

Before Grant entered the courtroom, Bundy appeared more nervous than he had at the preliminary hearing Friday, which was closed to press and public by defense request, and when he appeared Monday for arguments on defense motions.

2 men arrested in pot seizure

PAGOSA SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Two Arizona men were arrested and suspected marijuana valued at \$40,000 was seized Saturday following a highway accident west of here, the Colorado State Patrol said.

The men were identified as James Douglas Platt, 25, and Alan Reed Jeffress, 25, both of Phoenix.

Platt, the driver of the vehicle, was under guard in satisfactory condition at a Durango, Colo., hospital after his house trailer ran off U.S. 160 on a patch of ice and overturned 18 miles from here.

Sgt. Roger C. Brown said Jeffress, a passenger, fled the scene and was ar-

rested three hours later after patrol officers and Archuleta County Sheriff's officers tracked him through the snow.

Brown said 150 pounds of paper-wrapped suspected marijuana was seized from the overturned vehicle.

The district attorney's office is investigating, Brown said.

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Student Placed Near Murder Scene

By JAY WHEARLEY
Denver Post Staff Writer

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There is circumstantial evidence placing a 28-year-old Utah law student in the Aspen area when a vacationing nurse was slain there in January—and also on the Western Slope when two Colorado women disappeared mysteriously there in March and April.

The Denver Post has learned, additionally, that investigators have uncovered enough similarities between those cases and two other murders on the Eastern Slope to support a single-suspect theory, according to knowledgeable sources.

The Colorado cases fit a pattern of slayings that originated in Seattle, Wash., in January 1974, suddenly stopped there eight months later and then began in Utah in the fall of that year. The first suspected Colorado case in the pattern occurred last January.

AT LEAST 11 SLAIN

At least 11 women in the three Western states have been killed under remarkably similar circumstances, and there are six possible victims listed as missing who

police sources privately presume are dead.

In a joint investigation with the Seattle Times, The Post has learned that authorities probing the murders and missing-persons cases have focused their attention on a man now being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond in Salt Lake City. The man was arrested earlier this month for attempted murder and kidnapping.

Three independent sources have confirmed that an oil company credit card belonging to the Salt Lake City suspect was used Jan. 12 in Aspen, March 15 in Dillon and April 6 in Grand Junction.

Those dates correspond with the abduction of Miss Caryn Campbell, a Dearborn, Mich., nurse who was on a ski holiday in Aspen with her fiancé, and later was found murdered, and the disappearance of Miss Julie Cunningham and Denise Lynn Oliverson.

LEFT RESTAURANT

On Jan. 12, Miss Campbell left from a table in a restaurant and told her fiancé to her room to get a massage. The last time she was seen

Her nude, frozen body was found Feb. 17 along a road near the ski area. She had suffered severe blows on the head, and her body bore marks indicating her hands had been tied behind her and that she had been thrown from a car.

Miss Cunningham last was seen walking near her Vail apartment on the evening of March 15. The 26-year-old ski shop employee apparently had told no one of plans to leave, and all her personal belongings, clothing and car were left in Vail.

Search parties have scoured the rugged area around the ski village without finding a trace of the young woman.

Vail is about 30 miles from Dillon.

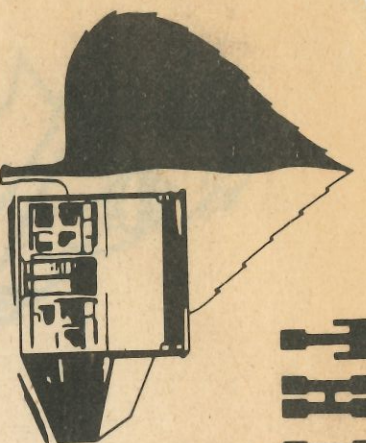
Mrs. Oliverson last was seen April 6 riding her bicycle less than a block from her Grand Junction home. Her bicycle and shoes were found the next day about a half mile from her home.

SIGNATURE STUDIED

Police sources revealed that the signature on credit card receipts appears to be that of the suspect and that the driver's license number recorded on the slips is registered to him. Also, sources said, a man matching the suspect's description was seen in the Grand Junction and Aspen areas on or about the times of the murder and disappearance.

The suspect, Theodore Robert Bundy,

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Escaped kidnaper Bundy eludes helicopter, hounds, manhunters

Convicted kidnaper Theodore R. Bundy, 30, was still at large today after jumping from a second-story window of the Pitkin County Courthouse during a recess at a pre-trial hearing Tuesday morning.

An intensive manhunt that began within minutes of the escape had grown to include tracking dogs, helicopter with an infra-red scanner that can "see through" trees by detecting the heat of a human body, and hundreds of volunteers.

Road blocks were maintained at every highway and jeep road leading from Aspen.

In the city, house by house, yard by yard, shed by shed search was continuing.

The Search for Bundy, 3-C

Bundy was left alone in the courtroom during a recess that began at 10:33 am at a preliminary hearing in his trial on a charge of first degree murder in the 1975 slaying of vacationing nurse Caryn Campbell at Snowmass Resort.

Sheriff's Deputy Dave Westerlind, standing just outside the courtroom door in the corridor, failed to see Bundy make his way to the window.

Bundy apparently walked through the aisles of books in a law library that adjoins the rear of the courtroom.

The library is separated from the courtroom itself by a partition about five feet high, with a door that is not locked.

Bundy was next seen by Casey Armstrong, a courthouse secretary, through a basement window as he ran past the northwest corner of the building.

Moments later another secretary, Whitney Wulf, found legal papers that the defendant dropped in his leap — just below a south side, Main St window of the law library.

Impressions of his footprints were deeply imbedded in the sod from the landing.

Bundy had several minutes' start on sheriff's deputies and police officers.

In court, he was wearing a brown, vertically ribbed turtle-neck and brown cord slacks. He wore brown shoes. There was a subsequent report that he had a (continued on page 7.)



Theodore R Bundy is escorted into the Pitkin County Courthouse in handcuffs the morning of his escape by Pitkin County Sheriff's Officers Pete Murphy, left, and Rick D Kralicek. Murphy is carrying Bundy's legal papers in the cardboard box. Bundy was brought to pre-trial hearings from the Garfield County Jail where he had been transferred because of fears about the security at the Pitkin County Jail. In

previous appearances, Bundy had been bearded. The cardigan he is wearing in this photograph was left behind in the courtroom when he made his jump to freedom. Some of Bundy's papers were found on the ground near the spot where he landed. Officer Murphy was replaced inside the courthouse by Deputy David Westerlind. Photo by Mark Lewy.



Officers manning road blocks stopped all traffic headed in or out of Aspen, although the fugitive's 20-minute head start could have been sufficient for his escape. Mark Lewy photo.

The Bundy manhunt: is a killer loose in Aspen?

By John Sabella
The escape of Theodore Bundy from Pitkin County authorities was an incident often joked about — before it actually occurred.

The escape itself and the subsequent, unsuccessful manhunt revealed serious deficiencies in the operations of local law enforcement agencies, and they have produced days filled with guns and nights filled with fear; uncommon events in carefree Aspen.

What follows is an account of the escape and its aftermath.

At 8 am Tuesday, June 7, Pitkin County Sheriff SSgt. Rick Kralicek and Deputy Peter Murphy remove their guns outside the cellblock in the Garfield County Jail in Glenwood Springs.

They have come to pick up murderer suspect Theodore R. Bundy, 30, and take him to a court hearing at the Pitkin County Courthouse in Aspen.

The pair handcuffs Bundy inside his cell. Only then do they retrieve their weapons. They take care to ensure that Bundy, a

prime suspect in the deaths or disappearances of 18 young women and implicated in as many as 30 such crimes, cannot overpower them and obtain a gun.

Convicted Kidnapper

Bundy has been extradited to Colorado from the Utah State Penitentiary, where he has been serving a one- to fifteen-year sentence for kidnapping.

It Utah, he works in the prison print shop, but guards discover that he has made himself a set of phony identification. The warden declares him an escape risk, and places him in maximum security.

Here he is charged with first degree murder in the slaying of Dearborn, MI, nurse Caryn Campbell. She disappears Jan. 12, 1975 from Snowmass Resort. Her nude body is found a month later on Owl Creek Road.

After Bundy's arrival, Pitkin County Sheriff Dick Kienast makes numerous statements about extra security precautions

necessary to prevent an escape attempt.

What Better Place

What better place to make a break than Aspen? The sheriff speculates.

He argues that Bundy should be shackled in the courtroom, but Judge George Lohr overrules him. Because of the antiquated conditions of the Pitkin County Jail, Bundy is later transferred to Garfield County, then shuttled back and forth to Aspen for court appearances.

On the morning of the escape, the two law officers make Bundy get into their patrol car first. He sits in the front, the passenger's seat.

Murphy slides into the back seat, behind Bundy. Kralicek, the driver, keeps his left hand on the steering wheel and his right hand free, near his gun.

Bundy Silent

Bundy is silent for long periods during their 40 mile drive. (cont. on next page.)



Chief Public Defender James Dumas stands in front of the courthouse after Bundy's escape. He said no client of his had ever shown a "greater lack of confidence." Bundy jumped from the window at top left behind Dumas. —Photo by Mark Lewy.

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A scent dog sniffs Bundy's discarded sweater at the point where the fugitive's 30-foot leap ended and

his race for freedom began. Mark Lewy photo.

the hall. He takes his eyes off the suspect.

When Aspen Times reporter Bill Rollins re-enters the courtroom moments later, it is empty. He turns and looks at Westerlind. Rollins makes a gesture with his hands that ask "where is he?"

The deputy sticks his head into the open door of the courtroom and looks toward the front, toward the bench and the office of court clerk Shirley Dills.

He's In There

"I think he's in there," he responds and points to Dills' office. "I hope so," Rollins says.

Minutes elapse and still the deputy does not search the vacant courtroom or the law library at the rear, its tiers of bookshelves obscuring most of the library in-

(cont. from previous page.)

Kralicek, who has spent considerable time guarding the prisoner, later says it is normal behavior, not suspicious.

Murphy, however, is nervous. He doesn't like the jerky movements Bundy makes with his manacled hands.

The deputy unfastens the strap that holds his gun in its holster.

When they arrive at the courthouse, Kralicek leads Bundy by the arm while Murphy follows and carries the suspect's box of legal papers.

Lohr has ruled that Bundy can serve as his own defense counsel, and now, he carries his box of papers with him whenever he goes to court.

Confidential Telephone

As his own counsel, Bundy has unusual phone and library privileges.

Aspen Times photographer Mark Lewy photographs the trio outside the building. It is a routine assignment: file material for use when the trial opens.

Lewy is the only newsman at the courthouse. His photos later prove to be the only up-to-date shots of Bundy available, and Lewy rushes prints to the sheriff's office for use at their roadblocks and for dissemination to the news media.

Inside, Murphy is relieved by

terior and the windows that open onto Main Street.

At that same time, the best estimates are between 10:40 and 10:45 am, an unidentified passerby on Main Street sees a man jump 30 feet out of the second story window of the courthouse. It is the window nearest the west corner of the building.

He lands hard; his feet make deep imprints in the lawn and the impact throws him forward onto his hands, which leave more imprints.

Crosses River

He races across the front lawn of the courthouse, behind the Concept 600 building and Freddie's Restaurant, past the bus depot and across the Roaring Fork River near the site of the old Riverside Trailer Park.

The Main Street passerby hurries to the sheriff's office with a question: "is it normal for people to jump out of second story windows around here?"

Kralicek is at the counter. He curses when he hears the news. It has to be Bundy.

Kralicek and secretary Coleen Curtis race up the stairs. Only when Westerlind sees Curtis does he respond with alarm to Bundy's absence.

He's Escaped

He makes a frantic call on his

radio. "Bundy has escaped."

The dispatch office in City Hall logs the time as 10:48 am.

Sheriff's secretary Whitney Wulff runs for the sheriff when she hears the news. Kienast is notified.

Next Wulff runs out the front door of the courthouse. Near the lilac bush at the west corner, she finds some of Bundy's papers and the footprints.

Simultaneously, Curtis finds Bundy's sweater in the courtroom. She brings it downstairs. It will later be used as scent for the trained dogs that are flown in from Denver, Cherry Hills and Summit County.

At about 10:50, the telephone rings at the sheriff's office. A man from Freddie's Restaurant has seen the fugitive race past the building.

Last Sighting

Officers scouring the area meet a group of kids who have seen the suspect cross the river at the trailer park.

It is shortly before 11 am Tuesday. These are the only two confirmed sightings of fugitive Theodore Bundy.

Kienast begins to mobilize the search effort, but confusion temporarily reigns in the local law enforcement agencies.

A road block is set at Cemetery

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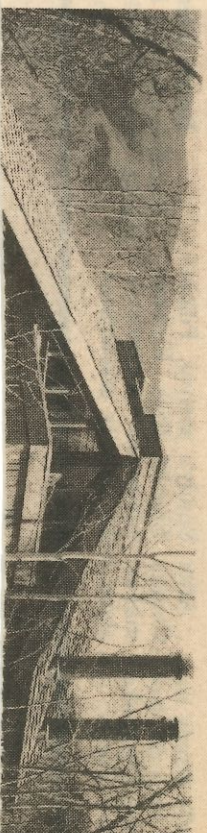
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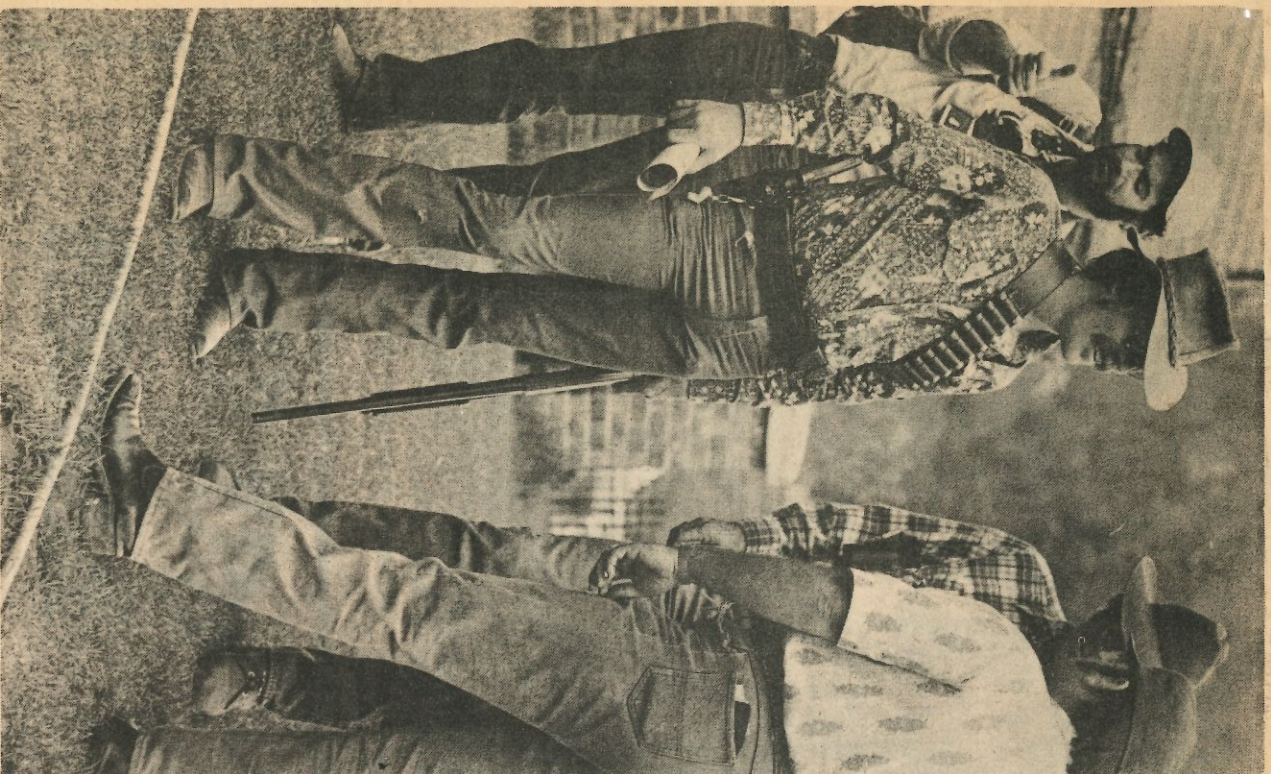
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Heavily armed law officers were omni-present in Aspen as the search for Theodore Bundy intensified. Mark Lewy photo.

Lane and Highway 82 within 20 minutes after the escape. Other officers hurry to set more roadblocks, but it is half-an-hour before egress from Aspen is completely blocked.

Headed for Hunter

Foot personnel are launched in the northeast end of Aspen. Law officers think that if Bundy is on foot, he is probably headed toward Hunter Creek.

Deputies who have exercised Bundy outside the courthouse say he often studied the Hunter Valley and the slopes of Red and Smuggler Mountains.

Bundy exercised regularly in his cell, also deputies describe his physical condition as excellent.

Off-duty officers and the sheriff's reserve begin arriving at the sheriff's office. They wear

civilian clothes. They are heavily armed.

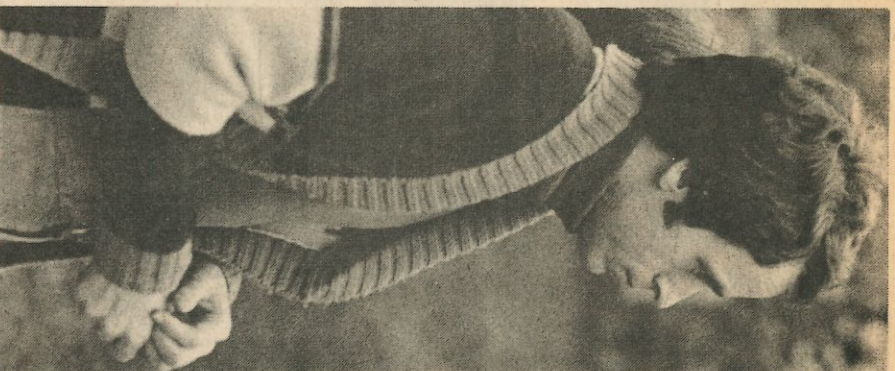
A description is aired over police and CB radios, and the voice of police Det Mike Chandler comes over commercial stations: "The suspect is 6'1" tall, 150 pounds, with ear length, wavy brown hair. He is wearing a brown turtleneck, beige corduroy slacks and brown loafers.

Communications Hub

In the communications center at City Hall, dispatcher Nancy Baxter coolly radios instructions to dozens of field officers as Kienast, now in a helicopter, acting police Chief Art Hougland, fire chief Dick Miller and other officials direct her.

Other dispatchers answer phones as reports of Bundy sightings pour in.

In Mountain Valley, a woman is sitting in her back yard when a



The fugitive. Mark Lewy photo.

man peers over the fence.

She calls authorities, who show her an old picture of Bundy.

80% Certain

She identifies the photo as the same man who had peered over her fence. An 80% certain identification, police call it, and Det Dave Garms directs a house-to-house search of Mountain Valley. Garms also learns that clothing has been stolen from a car near the courthouse. A possible new description is broadcast.

Later, when Lewy has de-

veloped his pictures they show them to the woman.

No, she says, she was mistaken, and the search is cancelled.

At City Hall, Hougland and City Attorney Dorothy Nuttall confer hurriedly. Go ahead and place a temporary ban on the sale of firearms, Nuttall tells Hougland, and I'll find some legal justification.

Calls go to other police agencies for scent dogs and infra-red scanners that can locate a man's body by the heat it gives off.

Dogs Flown In

The dogs are available, but the FAA won't allow them on a plane without kennels. Aspen Airways finds kennels. Rocky Mountain classifies them as "lead" dogs for the blind and lets them on.

School officials contact the dispatch office: they won't let school children go home alone.

Long lines build up at roadblocks, where officers search every car. Some people are searched three and four times.

At the Catherine's Store roadblock, Garfield County officers make nine arrests unrelated to Bundy. Nearly 500 pounds of marijuana are confiscated. A federal fugitive from California is arrested with weapons in his vehicle.

Civil Defense Director Betty Erickson begins sending food and drink to the crews in the field. Local businesses contribute, and she collects food for 100 people.

Dogs Find Trail

Shortly before 3 pm, the first dog is led to the point of the last sighting. Bundy's sweater and shoes give the dog the scent.

The dog tracks the suspect about a quarter mile, to the bridge near Herron Park, and loses the

trail. The other dogs do no better. Perhaps Bundy entered a car there.

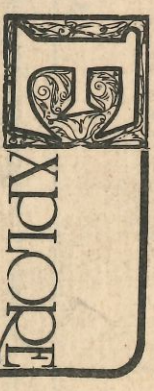
Authorities consider the possibility of an accomplice. They learn that Daniel Kellum, Bundy's cell-mate in the Pitkin County Jail, who was also transferred to Garfield County, is absent without leave from a work release program. He remains a suspect.

Records show that a T F Bundy was registered at the Aspen Inn the previous day. Investigation reveals that it was not a relative, but a couple from Montrose, New York now headed home.

Bundy's Girl Friends

Traces are put on Bundy's girlfriends—he corresponds with

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NEW BOOKS

THE NEWSCASTERS

Ron Powers
Subtitled "The News Business as Show Business," this is an analysis and history of the "star system" that creates Walter Cronkite, Barbara Walters, Dan Rather and the others, which Powers says has constituted the decline and fall of American newscasting. Powers: "The biggest heist of the 1970's never made it on the five o'clock news. The biggest heist of the 1970's was the five o'clock news." \$8.95

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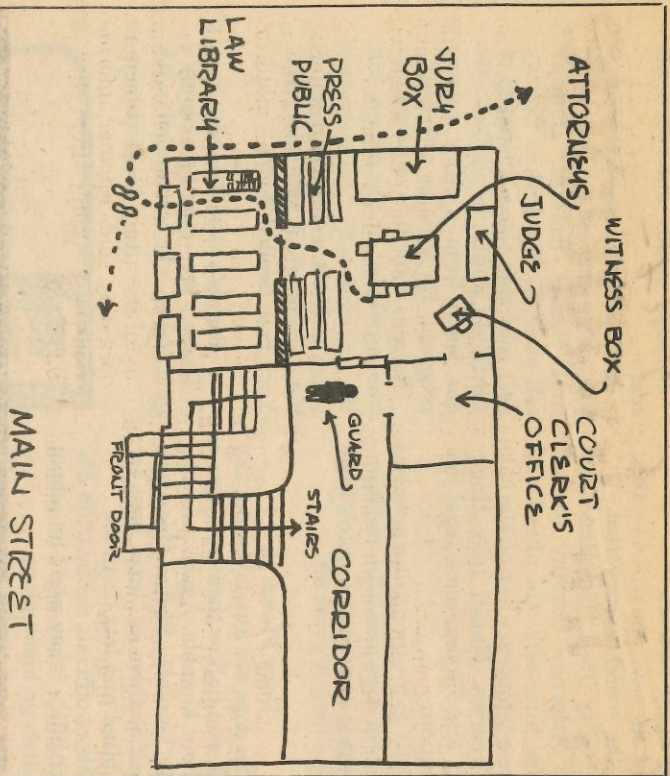
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This diagram of the second floor of the Pitkin County Courthouse shows the escape route taken by Theodore Bundy. Bundy, defending himself, sits at the attorneys' table during the proceedings. When Judge Lohr called a recess, everyone else left the courtroom. Guard David Westerlind remained in the corridor just outside the courtroom. He thought, at one point, that Bundy had gone into the court clerk's office. In fact, Bundy took the route shown by the dotted line, through the law library, out the window and around the building. There are conflicting reports about which direction he went after he hit the ground. A secretary says left. Some construction workers say right. — Sketch by Bill Rollins

several — but all are found to be out of the area.

As darkness falls the intensity of the search diminishes. Officers are sent home to rest and told to report for duty at 4:30 am.

It begins to rain.

Four roadblocks are retained throughout the night, and patrols are maintained on roadways and trails.

The officers are tense. They draw their guns when they search a car or a house. The darkness provides a million hiding places. Residents lock their doors; some come to the sheriff's office for escorts home.

The next morning, Kienast calls for volunteers to assist officers in a house to house search.

The volunteer patrons go out, but organization is lacking. Criticism of the sheriff's department mounts.

Some people express surprise that there has been no report of a stolen car, or even a body.

Wednesday afternoon, the dogs are sent home and the search teams dismissed for the day. They plan to re-commence the next morning but morale is low; many

complain that the effort has been haphazard and unproductive.

The law officers have no new leads. There has been no trace of Bundy since the sighting near the river only minutes after he escaped.

A reporter from Washington state, veteran observer of Bundy since the days when he was a respected citizen of that state — a law student, political worker and vice chairman of the Seattle Advisory Crime Commission who once tackled a purse snatcher and brought him to justice — speculates that the escape could have been vaguely pre-meditated since



Police officers studied maps as they organized a man-hunt carried out with the help of citizen volunteers. Mark Lewy photo.

the suspect waived extradition to Colorado.

As a law student, he must have realized that the case against him here was highly circumstantial, the reporter argues. He stood a good chance of winning, yes, but only to return to a long sentence in maximum security.

With that kind of future, the reporter says, why wouldn't he take a chance and come to free and easy Aspen, where the country cops might make a mistake.

That is the kind of speculation that is currently around the courthouse Wednesday night.

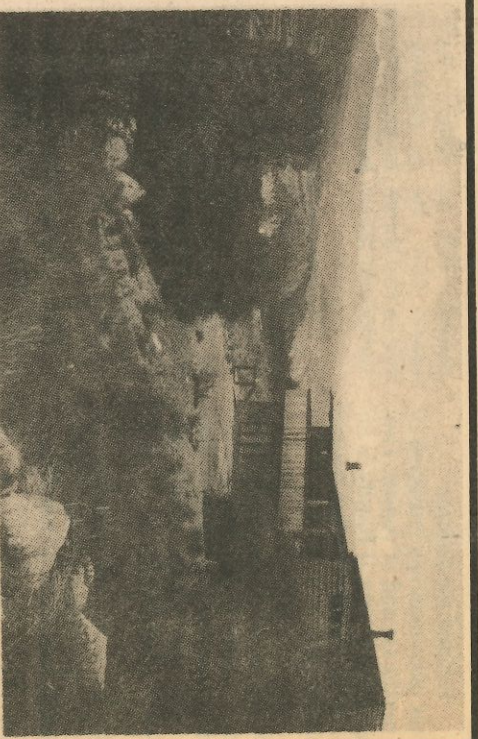
And, with a criminal whose alleged atrocities rival those of a Manson or a Zebra, more and more the question is asked: "Why was the security in the courtroom so lax?"

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